

# Disconnecting Your Elastomeric Infusor™ from Your PICC



## Important Information:

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour of the top of my pump: \_\_\_\_\_



You can watch a video to show you how to disconnect your pump.

Visit: [myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/systemic-treatment-information.aspx](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/systemic-treatment-information.aspx)

## When to disconnect the Infusor™ (pump)

- At the end of your chemotherapy appointment, the nurse will tell you the date and time your pump will finish.
- You will know the pump is finished when the balloon inside the pump is empty (deflated). For more information, see **Your Elastomeric Ambulatory Infusor (Baxter Infusor™)** booklet.

Empty Pump



## Getting ready to disconnect the pump



- Clean your work area with liquid soap and water or disinfecting wipes.



- Wash your hands for 1 minute using soap and water and dry your hands with a clean towel.
- You could also wash your hands with an alcohol based hand sanitizer instead of soap. Rub your hands together for at least 15 seconds. Let them dry completely.

## Gather your supplies from your disconnect kit

You will need:

- 1 plastic bag
- 2 antiseptic swabs
- Nitrile gloves (latex-free)
- 2 -10 mL syringes (prefilled with saline)



1. Unfold the pad with the plastic side down on your work area and set up your supplies.
2. Open your plastic bags.
3. Put on your nitrile gloves.

## Flushing your line

1. Slide the clamp across the line that the pump is connected to.
2. Pick up the cap that is not connected to the pump.



3. Clean the cap end with an antiseptic swab. Let it dry completely.



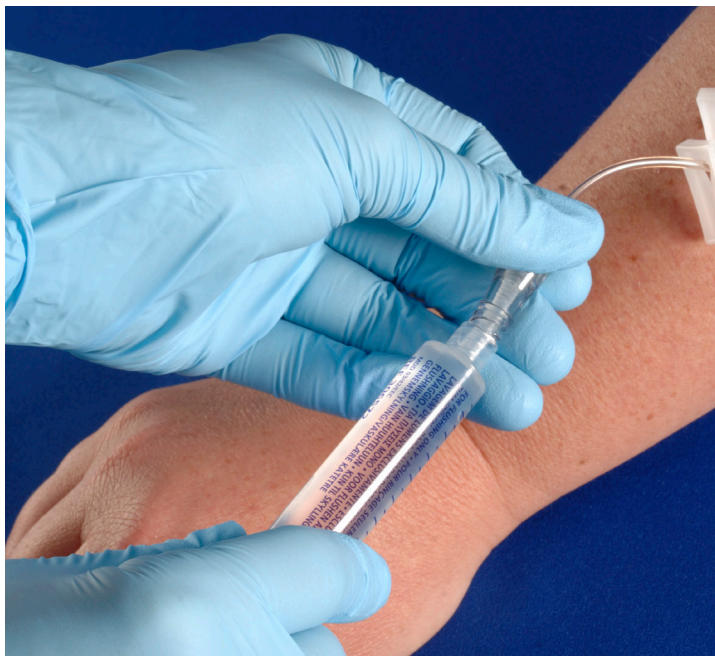
1. Hold the syringe with the tip facing up. Tap the syringe with your finger until bubbles go to the top.



2. Slowly push up on the plunger until you hear a click.
3. Remove the syringe cap and slowly press the plunger until all air bubbles are removed. A small amount of saline may come out of the tip.



4. Do not touch the tip of the syringe to anything (clothes or table for example), or it will be contaminated.
5. If the cap end of the tube does touch something, swab the tip again with an antiseptic swab.
6. Attach a saline syringe and twist to the right (clockwise).



### **Try to flush the line:**

1. Push in 20 mL of saline (2 syringes of 10 mL) using the push/pause method your nurse showed you.

If you cannot push the fluid in easily, do not force it in. Instead:

- Remove the syringe.
- Call the phone numbers listed on pages 11 and 12.

2. Remove the saline syringe by twisting it to the left (Counterclockwise).
3. Slide the clamp across the line after you are done to lock the tubing.

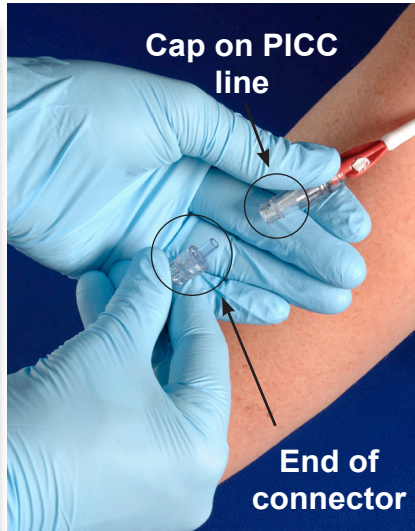
## Disconnecting your pump

1. Remove the clear bandage from the white sensor.





2. Disconnect the pump turning the end of the connector to the left (counterclockwise). There should still be a cap on your PICC line.



3. Place the pump, and tubing into the plastic bag and seal it. Put it in the second bag along with your gloves and all used supplies and seal it.



Make sure the clamps are closed to prevent leaking in the bag.



**Do not put the pump in your  
garbage.**

Put your pump, tubing,  
gloves and used supplies  
in the plastic bag provided  
and return it to your nearest  
Cancer Centre for disposal.



**Keep the used pump and line out of reach  
from children and pets.**

## Contact Information Alberta Cancer Centres:

<b>Calgary</b>	<b>Telephone Triage Nurse</b> 8am – 4pm 403-521-3735 Toll Free 1-866-238-3735 4:00 pm - 8:00 am Call 403-944-1110 and ask for the oncologist on call	
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>Telephone Triage Nurse</b> 8:30am – 4pm 780-432-8919 or Toll Free 1-877-707-4848 <b>HealthLink</b> 4:00pm – 8:30am call 811	
<b>Barrhead</b>	7:45am – 4pm 780-305-3304	<b>After hours call: 811</b>
<b>Bonnyville</b>	8am – 4pm 780-826-6533	
<b>Camrose</b>	8am – 4pm 780-679-2822	
<b>Canmore</b>	7:45am – 4:30pm 403-493-4867	
<b>Drayton Valley</b>	8am – 4pm 780-621-4888	
<b>Drumheller</b>	8am – 3:30pm 403-820-7985	
<b>Fort McMurray</b>	9am – 4pm 780-791-6217	
<b>Grande Prairie</b>	8am-4pm 780-538-7588	

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<b>High River</b>	8am – 4pm 403-652-0139	<b>After hours call: 811</b>
<b>Hinton</b>	8:15am – 4:30pm 780-817-5009	
<b>Lethbridge</b>	8am – 4:15pm 403-388-6800	
<b>Lloydminster</b>	9am – 4pm 306-820-6144	
<b>Medicine Hat</b>	8am – 4pm 403-529-8817	
<b>Peace River</b>	8am – 4pm 780-624-7593	
<b>Red Deer</b>	8:30am – 4:30pm 403-343-4577	

